

Application for the Voluntary Remediation Program



In its 2000 session, the Wyoming Legislature created new opportunities, procedures, and standards for voluntary remediation of contaminated sites. These provisions, enacted as Articles 16, 17, and 18 of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and implemented by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), will govern future environmental cleanups in Wyoming.

This Fact Sheet provides information on how to apply to the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP).

1. What types of sites are eligible to participate in the VRP?

Under §35-11-1602, owners, operators and prospective purchasers of most contaminated sites in Wyoming are eligible for the VRP. Eligible sites include:

- Sites where contamination occurred before the effective date of the VRP (March 10, 2000), unless the site or portion of a site was subject to permit requirements of the Environmental Quality Act at the time of the release and the site or portion of the site subject to permit requirements is still owned and/or operated by the same person as defined under §35-11-103(a)(vi). Subsequent owners, operators, or prospective purchasers must be able to demonstrate that they had no knowledge of the existence of an area or unit at the site that should have had or now needs a permit.
- Sites where contamination occurred after March 10, 2000 provided the site owner or operator is implementing a pollution prevention plan consistent with rules promulgated by DEQ.
- Releases from permitted waste management or disposal units if DEQ determines that it is not technically practicable to clean up the release in accordance with permit requirements.

Sites that are not eligible to participate in the Program include:

- Sites that are listed on the Federal National Priorities List under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund).
- Commercial waste incineration or disposal facilities.
- Sites regulated under the Leaking Above and Underground Storage Tank Program (Article 14 of the Environmental Quality Act, §35-11-1414 through 1428) except contamination from a release that does not originate from the regulated tanks is eligible for the VRP provided other eligibility criteria are met.
- Radioactive waste storage facilities.

- Sites regulated under the Abandoned Mine Lands Program (Article 12 of the Environmental Quality Act, §35-11-1201 through 1209).
- Sites where contamination is the result of continuous or repeated violation of any law, rule, regulation or order under the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

In addition, as discussed in §35-11-1601(b), sites are not eligible for the VRP if remediation is required by order (except for orders on consent) of DEQ, council or by any court, or required by an administrative or judicial order to which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is a party.

2. Do I have to own the contaminated site to apply to participate in the VRP?

No. Any person can apply to participate in the VRP. Under §35-11-103(a)(vi), person is broadly defined to include individuals, companies, cities, partnerships, and others.

Although any person can apply to participate in the VRP, the Program does not grant people rights of access or other rights with respect to contaminated property. If you are applying to participate in the VRP for property that you do not own (e.g., for property you plan to purchase or property that you lease), you must make your own arrangements with the property owner to ensure access for completion of cleanup activities. All VRP applications must identify the owner or owners of the subject property and, if the application is not made by the property owner, explain the relationship of the applicant to the property owner and describe access provisions.

3. Can I clean up the contamination on my property even if I am an innocent landowner?

Yes, but you must meet the protective cleanup standards established under Wyoming statutes and regulations. The expectations for what a cleanup must achieve are not modified because you are not responsible for the contamination. Cleanup standards are addressed in Fact Sheet #21 *Remedy Selection*. Information about the cleanup levels necessary to meet those standards is included in several fact sheets, including Fact Sheet #12 *Soil Cleanup Levels*, Fact Sheet #13 *Groundwater Cleanup Levels*, and the supporting technical memoranda that accompany Fact Sheet #19 *Ecological Risk Assessment—Steps 3 & 4*. Please keep in mind that site specific cleanup levels also are available under the VRP.

4. Why participate in the VRP if I am an innocent owner?

Wyoming's Voluntary Remediation Program allows a property owner or prospective owner to voluntarily investigate possible contamination and clean it up if necessary. The process established under the VRP provides a system for negotiating and establishing appropriate cleanup activities for a given piece of property, resulting in an assurance from DEQ about the extent of liability for environmental cleanup at the property.

Increasingly, buyers, sellers, and lending institutions require information about the possibility of environmental contamination at properties during property transactions. Potential buyers must

determine if there is environmental contamination prior to purchase in order to be eligible for innocent owner status. Potential sellers may find it helpful to sell a piece property if they can demonstrate that there is no contamination.

Whether you are a buyer or a seller, if you have reason to suspect that contamination is present at a property you own or are interested in owning, DEQ strongly encourages participation in the VRP as early as possible in the investigation and cleanup process to ensure that any activities undertaken (e.g., Phase I assessment) will meet the specific standards established under Wyoming statutes. Otherwise, you run the risk that DEQ will require additional work, including additional sampling and analysis, in order to make a decision about the issuance of a liability assurance for your property.

The decision about whether or not any person or persons should purchase any particular property is not one that can be made by DEQ. These decisions should be made by the prospective purchaser and will vary depending on the risk associated with any property as well as the prospective purchaser's willingness to assume the risk associated with the contamination present at the property. The DEQ highly recommends that all prospective purchasers work with their legal counsel to determine risks associated with the purchase of a specific property with known contamination.

5. How do I apply to participate in the VRP?

If you believe you are eligible for the VRP, you may apply by completing the attached application form and sending it, with supporting information and a \$550 application fee, to DEQ at the address below. The information on the application form is the information DEQ needs to confirm your eligibility for the VRP and to begin to work with you to cleanup your contaminated site.

Information requested in the VRP application includes:

- Your name and address.
- The name and address of your site.
- A map showing the location of your site and the names, addresses and locations of all contiguous and adjacent land owners.
- A description of the site-specific conditions you believe satisfy one or more of the eligibility criteria outlined above and fully described in §35-11-1602.
- A description of your site, the types of contamination you believe are present, the nature and extent of the contamination, and the cause of the contamination.
- A description of any site investigation or remediation activities that have already occurred.
- A list of all environmental permits, licenses or other authorizations currently held for the site.
- Identification of all site owner(s) and operator(s) and, if you are not the site owner, an explanation of your relationship to the site owner and your rights of access to the site.

The application form is available as an on-line form, and can be completed then printed from the VRP website at <http://deg.state.wy.us/volremedi/index.asp>. The DEQ is investigating how to provide applicants the ability to transmit the application and application fee over the Internet. Please check the website for up-to-date details.

Two copies of your application, supporting information and your \$550 application fee (payable to Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality) should be sent to:

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Voluntary Remediation Program Application
Attention: Jerry Breed
122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building 4-W
Cheyenne, WY 82002

6. Why do I have to pay an application fee?

Under the VRP, Volunteers pay DEQ oversight costs. Currently, the \$550 application fee covers the first ten hours of DEQ oversight. Additional DEQ oversight will be billed at a rate of \$55 per hour and will be invoiced monthly. If a Volunteer is found to be ineligible for the VRP, the application fee will be refunded in full; however, if oversight takes fewer than ten hours, a partial refund will not be given. DEQ may reevaluate and change the fee structure based on actual costs incurred by the VRP and of DEQ oversight. Information on the most current fee structure and oversight rates can be found at the VRP website: <http://deg.state.wy.us/volremedi/index.asp>.

In addition, in cases of extraordinary complexity, where DEQ believes that support from a technical contractor is needed, Volunteers must reimburse DEQ for technical contractor costs. These cases will be unusual, and DEQ will discuss technical support needs with the Volunteer prior to securing a contractor.

7. How quickly will DEQ review my application?

Upon receipt of your application, DEQ may request additional information to help make an eligibility determination for your site. Once DEQ has all the information it needs to make a decision, it will review your application and give you written notice of its decision about eligibility within 45 days.

8. How is the VRP complying with the Governor's Executive Order regarding Greater Sage-Grouse Core Area Protection?

In order for the VRP to comply with the Wyoming Governor's Executive Order ([Order 2011-5](#)) regarding Greater Sage-Grouse Core Area Protection, VRP staff will conduct a GIS search to determine whether your site is in proximity to a sage grouse core area or lek. If your site is eligible for the VRP, all of the necessary findings and instructions related to the proximity of your site to Core Areas or occupied leks will be explained in the eligibility letter you will receive from the VRP.

9. What happens if DEQ determines my site is eligible to participate?

Once DEQ confirms your site is eligible for the VRP, you will begin the voluntary remediation process. At most sites, the first step in the cleanup process is to publish an initial public notice to notify people about your site and to determine if there is significant public interest. Based on the amount of public interest, if necessary, you will develop a site-specific public participation plan. The next step, generally, is to negotiate a preliminary remediation agreement (PRA) with DEQ. The PRA will establish the specific activities needed to investigate and characterize contamination at the site and, if necessary, to evaluate potential remediation alternatives.

DEQ will automatically send you instructions on how to complete your initial public notice and guidance on PRAs if they determine your site is eligible to participate in the VRP. This guidance is also available on the VRP website in Fact Sheet #2 at <http://deq.state.wy.us/volremedi/factsheets.asp>. In addition, a simple Ecological Exclusion Assessment checklist (see Fact Sheet #14 *Ecological Risk Assessment*) must be submitted, either with the application or as a part of the data and information submitted through the PRA process. The Ecological Exclusion Assessment checklist is designed to identify sites where ecological receptors are unlikely to be affected.

10. I have a simple cleanup, is there any way I can expedite the process?

Yes. In general, DEQ believes that all cleanups under the VRP will be fast and efficient. In addition, DEQ has developed a streamlined administrative process, called the Independent Cleanup Process (ICP), for cleanups that are not technically complex.

The ICP recognizes that some types of sites pose fewer challenges and risks during cleanup than other types of sites. It establishes a way for Volunteers with sites that are not technically complex to carry out certain types of cleanups with reduced DEQ oversight and without using PRAs or remedy agreements (RAs). The ICP is designed to allow Volunteers with simple sites to move quickly through the VRP and qualify for a certificate of completion or other liability assurance.

Participation in the ICP is limited to simple sites. If you have a site with only soil contamination and you intend to clean up the site by excavating all contaminated soil to achieve concentrations that are appropriate for unrestricted site uses (generally, residential cleanup levels), you may be eligible for the ICP. For more information, contact DEQ at (307) 777-7752 or see Fact Sheet #6 *Independent Cleanup*.

11. May I obtain a liability assurance if I can demonstrate that no releases of contaminants have occurred at my site?

In general, the VRP is utilized to provide cleanup and redevelopment incentives for contaminated sites with known or documented releases of pollutants. However, under certain circumstances, DEQ may issue a liability assurance (most typically a certificate of completion) if a Volunteer has entered the site into the VRP and has demonstrated that investigation activities (including Phase 1 and 2 environmental site assessments) are adequate to confirm that no releases have occurred or that contamination doesn't exist at the site. DEQ generally believes it will be difficult to reach

conclusions about the appropriateness of issuing a liability assurance based solely on a Phase 1 site assessment, and that additional investigation work may be necessary. For a Phase 2 site assessment, the Volunteer must demonstrate that the site assessment work is generally consistent with work required pursuant to an approved preliminary remediation agreement.

DEQ strongly encourages you to volunteer as early in the site assessment process as possible (e.g., before completing a Phase 1 or 2 environmental site assessment) so that you can work with the Department to ensure that investigation activities will be adequate for DEQ to evaluate whether a liability assurance can be issued.

12. What happens if DEQ determines my site is not eligible to participate in the VRP?

If your site is not eligible for the VRP, DEQ will evaluate the risk posed by your site to determine if it is a high priority for remediation under the Department's authority to order cleanup (see W.S. 35-11-1613) or, if applicable, under another environmental program, such as the Abandoned Mine Lands program. DEQ will also refund your application fee.

13. Is there a way for me to appeal DEQ's eligibility determination if I disagree?

Yes. If you disagree with DEQ's eligibility determination, you can appeal the decision to the Environmental Quality Council as outlined in the DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure. Appeals to the Environmental Quality Council must be made within 60 days of receipt of DEQ's written notice that your site is not eligible. As with appeals of other types of DEQ decisions, you must file two copies of a written petition directed to and served upon both the Chairman of the Environmental Quality Council and the Director of DEQ. Based on your petition, the Environmental Quality Council will determine if an appeals hearing will be held and will notify you of their determination.

14. What if I am already doing remediation at my site?

If you are already carrying out cleanup at a contaminated site under a DEQ program that pre-dates the VRP or under a Federal remediation program and you want to continue under that program, you do not need to do anything. The VRP is voluntary – it does not require anyone to participate. You should be aware, however, that cleanups completed under DEQ programs that pre-date the VRP generally are not eligible for certificates of completion or other liability assurances established by the VRP. If you would like to switch to the VRP, and your site is eligible to participate in the Program, you should contact your DEQ project manager. If you do not know who your project manager is, you may contact DEQ at (307) 777-7752.

To ensure consistency among cleanups and equal protection of humans and the environment throughout the State, DEQ will, as a matter of policy, apply the cleanup standards established by the VRP to all DEQ overseen cleanups in Wyoming. The VRP cleanup standards are established at §35-11-1605(a) and are consistent with standards generally used under Federal cleanup

programs and with standards that have been used under DEQ cleanup programs that pre-date the VRP.

15. What if remediation at my site is already complete? May I still apply for the program and receive a certificate of completion or other liability assurances?

Volunteers may apply for the VRP after completing cleanup, but you should be aware that DEQ may determine that additional investigation or cleanup is needed, particularly if the cleanup was carried out with no oversight by appropriate agencies (e.g., local, state, or federal). In order for DEQ to issue a determination that cleanup is complete, you will need to submit an appropriate level of information to document the cleanup actions taken. This will include information typically obtained through implementation of an approved preliminary remediation agreement.

16. What if I apply for the VRP and later decide I don't want to clean up the site?

Volunteers can decide to leave the Program at any time before they have entered into a RA. Once a RA is established, the requirements of the agreement are permanent except for specific circumstances under which an agreement can be reopened or terminated.

In addition, even if a Volunteer decides to leave the Program before a RA is in place, DEQ is not precluded from requiring remediation under their authorities to order cleanup at §35-11-1613 or under other applicable environmental programs or authorities.

17. Would I need to submit a whole new VRP application in order to expand the boundary of my VRP Site?

DEQ will allow existing Volunteers to expand a VRP site boundary on a one-time basis as long as the expansion area is less than 5% of the total acreage identified in the original application and is adjacent to the existing VRP site boundary. In this case no public notice or adjacent landowner notification is required.

If the expansion of the boundary is greater than 5% of the total acres identified in the original application and is adjacent to the existing VRP site boundary, the Volunteer would have to notify any newly effected adjacent landowners to the expansion area and satisfy the public notice requirements in accordance with W.S. 35-11-1604.

Under either scenario, the Volunteer must submit a written request to the VRP which explains the purpose of the expansion, the number of acres associated with the original application, the number of acres in the expansion and includes a map depicting the original VRP site boundary and the expansion area. Please note that if the expansion is the result of a new or newly identified release or spill, the expansion area may be subject to the Pollution Prevention Plan Rule requirements.

18. How can I apply for Brownfields Assistance from the VRP?

Municipalities or other governmental entities can apply for Brownfields Assistance (BA) from the VRP. BA can include: a Phase I environmental site assessment, a Phase II environmental site assessment, an evaluation of cleanup options and costs, and some limited site cleanup. Properties eligible to receive BA must meet the definition of a “brownfield site” (as defined by the U.S. EPA)¹ and must be eligible to participate in the VRP. In addition to those properties *ineligible* to participate in the VRP (e.g. sites that are listed on the National Priorities List,), other properties that are not eligible to receive BA include sites that are subject to the jurisdiction, custody or control of a department, agency or instrumentality of the United States or the State of Wyoming, or land held in trust by the United States for an Indian Tribe. To request more information or an application package for BA, please contact DEQ at the number below.

19. How can I get more information about the VRP?

To learn about VRP sites that may exist in your community, obtain copies of other VRP Fact Sheets/guidance documents, get answers to your questions, or volunteer for the program, contact DEQ at (307) 777-5617 or through the VRP website at: <http://deg.state.wy.us/volremedi/index.asp>.

The VRP website includes all of the Fact Sheets and other guidance documents for the VRP. This website is updated frequently and includes the latest information about DEQ's progress in developing guidance, policy, and other supporting documents for the VRP.

¹ With certain legal exclusions and additions, the term ‘brownfield site’ means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Source: Public Law 107-118 (H.R. 2869) - *Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act*, signed into law January 11, 2002.



Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) Application

The information provided in this application will be used to determine the eligibility of the Volunteer and the property for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Voluntary Remediation Program, as provided for under Articles 16, 17, and 18 of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

Every Volunteer must completely answer Questions 1-31 and provide all enclosures. Volunteers interested in the Independent Cleanup Process within the Voluntary Remediation Program must answer the additional questions in the Independent Cleanup Process section of the application, and those applicants interested in the Brownfields Assistance Program must also answer questions 34 through 43. In some cases, additional space will be needed. Attach supplemental answers to the application. For questions, please contact Wyoming DEQ at (307) 777-7752.

SITE INFORMATION

1. Site Name

2. Site Address

3. County

4. Size of Site (Acres)

5. Township, Range, Section, Subsection

6a. Latitude (Decimal Degrees)

6b. Longitude (Decimal Degrees)

6c. Lat/Long Reference Point (e.g., center of parcel, source area)

7. Please describe any previous Site Investigations, and/or any previous Site Remediation Activities.

8. Please List All Site Environmental Permits, Licenses, or Other Authorizations

FACT SHEET #3

VRP VOLUNTEER INFORMATION		
9. Volunteer Name	9a. Company Name (If applicable)	
10. EIN# (for businesses) or SSN# (for individuals)	11. Address	
12. Phone	13. Fax	14. E-Mail
PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (Only complete Questions 15-18 if Volunteer is NOT owner)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Does the Volunteer or company identified in question #9 own the property described in questions #1-8? If yes, please proceed to question #19 If no, please proceed to question #15		
15. Property Owner Name (If the property has more than one owner, please provide appropriate information for all owners)		
16. Property Owner Address and phone number		
17. Volunteer's Relationship to Owner		
18. Detail Volunteer's Right-of-Access To Site		
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown 19. Do current site conditions constitute an imminent and substantial threat to public health or the environment?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown 20. Is the release from a permitted waste management or disposal unit?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 21. When did the contaminant release occur? Please enter the date or date range: _____ 22. Did the contamination occur after March 10, 2000? If YES , skip to #23 below and continue from there. If NO , continue with #22a, 22b and 22c then skip to #24 and continue.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown 22a. Was the site or a portion of the site where the release occurred subject to the permit requirements of the Environmental Quality Act at the time of the release?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown 22b. If the answer to Question 22a is YES, is the site or portion of the site subject to the permit requirements still owned and/or operated by the same person who was responsible for having the permit? If the answer to Question 22b is NO, the current owner and/or operator must demonstrate that s/he had no knowledge of the need for a permit.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown 22c. Is the site covered by a consent order of the department, council, or by any court and entered into with the consent of the person or entity?		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Your site's eligibility for the VRP is subject to the Pollution Prevention Plan (P2 Plan) requirements of the program. Have you read the pollution prevention (P2) plan rule, determined which P2 plan you are required to implement, and are you implementing the P2 plan in accordance with the rule? 23a. Which type of P2 Plan are you implementing at this site (check one)? <input type="checkbox"/> Written P2 Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Minimum P2 Operating Standards
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	24. Are there any radioactive waste storage facilities at this site?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	25. Has the site, or any part thereof, been listed on the <i>Superfund National Priorities List</i> ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	26. Is or was the site, or any part thereof, the subject of an enforcement action under the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act (for example, if the release at the site resulted from continuous or repeated violations of any applicable law, rule, regulation, or order)? List type of enforcement action (e.g., NOVs, LOVS, orders, issuing agency, unilateral order, consent order)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	27. Is or was the site, or any part thereof, regulated under the <i>Leaking Above and Underground Storage Tank Program, Abandoned Mine Land Program</i> , or any other Federal or State environmental law or statute? If YES, and you are still interested in applying to the VRP, please contact DEQ at (307) 777-5617 for further information about eligibility requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	28. Are there commercial solid waste management facilities, waste incinerators, or disposal facilities on the site?
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND ENCLOSURES Please enclose the following with this signed application:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	29. \$550.00 application fee. Make checks payable to Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. The application fee is fully refundable if participants are not accepted into the program. Once in the program, the application fee covers the first ten hours of DEQ oversight. Additional hours of oversight are billed at \$55/hr and participants will receive invoices monthly. Participants are not eligible for a partial refund of the application fee if less than ten hours of oversight are needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	30. A narrative statement that describes all known or suspected contaminant types, and the nature, extent, and cause of all known or suspected contaminant(s).
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	31. Site Map – Showing the location of your site, the estimated boundaries of the contamination and the names, full mailing addresses, and location of all contiguous and adjacent land owners.

ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

- **Any additional information** to supplement your answers above, for example, additional information on previous remediation activities, such as copies of plans and reports or explanation of extenuating circumstance (e.g., did not own property when site should have had a permit).
- **If applying for the Independent Cleanup Process** please provide answers to the supplemental questions (Questions 32-33) and a required signature.
- **If applying for Brownfields Assistance** from DEQ, please provide answers to the supplemental questions (Questions 34-43)
- If you plan to use a contractor and/or consultant, please include their contact information

20. INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

With this application, the Volunteer intends to enter into the Voluntary Remediation Program. However, neither DEQ nor the Volunteer will be bound to proceed unless the Volunteer receives written notice from DEQ that the subject site is eligible for participation in the Voluntary Remediation Program and a remedy agreement is signed. With this application, the Volunteer does not admit or assume liability for investigation or cleanup of the site. The Volunteer may terminate participation in the Voluntary Remediation Program at any time before a Remedy Agreement is signed.

Unless the Volunteer is accepted into the Independent Cleanup Process, upon receiving the notice of eligibility, the Volunteer intends to negotiate, in good faith, a Preliminary Remedy Agreement and a Remedy Agreement to provide technical and regulatory oversight during investigation and cleanup of the site.

SIGNATURES

I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I also certify that I am fully authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the parties I represent.

Section 35-11-901 of Wyoming Statutes provides that:

Any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any application ... shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Volunteer's Signature	Print Name	Date

Please submit **TWO (2)** copies of this completed and signed application, along with the above required documentation and application fee to:

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Voluntary Remediation Program Application
Attn: Jerry Breed
122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building 4-W
Cheyenne, WY 82002

On receipt of your application, DEQ may request additional information to help make an eligibility determination for your site. Once DEQ has received a complete application, they will review the application and give you written notice of their decision about eligibility within 45 days. If you are not accepted into the VRP, your application fee will be refunded in full.

FACT SHEET #3**INDEPENDENT CLEANUP PROCESS (ICP)****(This section is only for Volunteers who want to participate in the Independent Cleanup Process)**

32. Please enclose the additional information with this application

- A narrative statement explaining why contamination is believed to be limited to soil.
- A completed Ecological Exclusion Assessment form-Parts 1 through 4 (available in Fact Sheet #14, which may be downloaded at: http://deg.state.wy.us/volremedi/downloads/Current%20Fact%20Sheets/FS_14.pdf)

☐ Yes ☐ No

33. Do you plan to have the cleanup completed within six months from the application date?

Property Owner's Signature (Necessary for ICP sites only and if property owner is different than the aforementioned Volunteer. If there are additional owners, please include their signatures and printed names in the spaces provided below.)

Print Name

Date

Additional Property Owner's Signature

Print Name

Date

Additional Property Owner's Signature

Print Name

Date

BROWNFIELDS ASSISTANCE (BA)**(This section is only for Volunteers that are requesting BA assistance from the DEQ)**

34. Type of BA assistance requested (Phase I ESA, Phase II ESA, Evaluation of clean options and costs, limited site cleanup)

35. Describe historical uses of the property (include dates, if known) and any hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants that are known or suspected to be present.

36. Size of potentially-impacted area (acres), if different than property acreage.

37. Is there any indication that the applicant/Volunteer or the property owner caused or contributed to any contamination on the property?

If YES, explain.

38. Describe the current zoning and use of the property.

FACT SHEET #3

39. Describe existing or proposed plans to reuse or redevelop the property and the associated benefit to the public. If the property is privately-owned, include a copy of any written agreements between the property owner and the applicant/Volunteer.

40. Describe committed or proposed resources (e.g., matching funding or in-kind services) and/or financial incentives that will be used to encourage cleanup or redevelopment.

41. Describe existing or proposed efforts to involve the public in site cleanup or redevelopment plans, as well as any known public opposition.

42. Describe why DEQ assistance is crucial to the redevelopment or reuse of the property.

43. Describe any relevant extenuating circumstances (e.g., redevelopment schedule, access limitations, pending actions by other state or federal agencies).